

Series Title: **“The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand”**
 (A Study of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ)

Sermon Title: **“Are You Ready For The Lord’s Return?”**
 (Part 13)

Sermon Text: Selected Scripture

Introduction:

- I. The *Meaning* Of The Second Coming Of Christ
- II. The *Certainty* Of The Second Coming Of Christ
- III. The *Nature* Of The Second Coming Of Christ
- IV. The *Purpose* Of The Second Coming Of Christ

V. The *Time* Of The Second Coming Of Christ

- A. The *Context* Of Matthew 24-25
- B. **The *Content* Of Matthew 24-25**

▪ *There are several things that we need to understand:*

A. The *Mindset* Of The *Moment*

“From the time that Jesus had arrived in Jerusalem just a few days earlier, the disciples were convinced that the Kingdom that He had so often talked about was just right around the corner, maybe only days away or at best a few weeks away!”

B. The *Questions* That Were *Asked* (24:3)

▪ *The questions that the disciples asked, and the answers that Jesus gave, provide the **key** to **unlocking** the **meaning** of the Olivet Discourse!*

C. The *Answer* That Was *Given* (24:4-25:46)

▪ Jesus’ purpose was to explain to His disciples that His Kingdom was still **way off in the future!**

There are primarily 3 common approaches to interpreting Bible Prophecy:

1) Preterism 2) Historicism 3) Futurism

D. The *Meaning* Of The *Passage*

Reason #1 - Matthew 24:8

- *The point is, birth pains happen **at the end!***

Reason #2 - **Matthew 24:13**

- What end was Jesus talking about?

Reason #3 - **Matthew 24:14**

- Prior to the end of the age there's going to be **worldwide preaching** of the gospel.

Reason #4 - **Matthew 24:15**

- What is “*the abomination of desolation?*” (**Daniel 9:27**)

Reason #5 - **Matthew 24:21**

- **Daniel 12:1-12**

Reason #6 - **Matthew 24:29-30a**

- When will Christ come again?

Reason #7 - **Matthew 24:32-34**

- What “*generation*” was Jesus talking about?

All of these indicators tell us these things must be **future events!**

Conclusion:

- The *central message* of the Olivet Discourse consists of *three specific messages*:
 - 1) **The first message** is that the world’s hostility toward Jesus Christ will not **diminish**, but will dramatically **intensify** as the end of the age draws near!
 - 2) **The second message** is that the **entire world** is headed for a time of **tribulation** the likes of which has never been seen before!
 - 3) **The third message** is that no one will miss **the Lord’s return to earth**, and no enemy will **escape His retribution!**

